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DECISION

Rick Havenstrite : Surface Management
Desert Hawk Gold Corporation :
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PLAN OF OPERATIONS MODIFICATION APPROVED DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AMOUNT

The proposed Modification to the Plan of Operations (Plan Modification) for the Kiewit Mine Project is hereby approved. Desert Hawk Gold Corporation (Desert Hawk) must conduct operations as described in the Plan of Operations and subsequent Plan Modification in accordance with the existing conditions of approval.

Based on your Plan Modification, revised reclamation cost estimate, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) review of the cost estimate, and consideration of the existing conditions of approval, the required financial guarantee amount is hereby set at **\$363,000.00** for the reclamation of the portion of the Kiewit Mine project on BLM managed public lands. The revised financial guarantee amount for the entire project covering private, State, and BLM land was determined by The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) and BLM to be \$1,318,000. A financial guarantee in the amount of \$1,348,000 is already in place for the Kiewit Mine Project therefore no additional financial guarantee is required at this time.

Approval of a Plan Modification by the BLM does not constitute a determination regarding the validity or ownership of any unpatented mining claim involved in the mining operation. Desert Hawk is responsible for obtaining any use rights or local, state, or Federal permits, licenses, or reviews that may be required for the operation.

Appeal of the Decision

If you do not agree and are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the Utah BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director review, the request must be received in the Utah BLM State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this decision. A copy of the request must also be sent to this office. The request must be in accordance with the provisions provided in 43 CFR 3809.805. If a State Director review is requested, this decision will remain in effect while the State Director review is pending, unless a stay is granted by the State Director. Standards for obtaining a stay are given below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the Utah State Director does not make a decision on whether to accept your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).

You may contact the Utah BLM State Office to determine when BLM receives the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21 day period in which to file your notice of appeal with the IBLA (see procedures below).

If you wish to bypass the State Director review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the Salt Lake Field Office, located at 2370 South Decker Lake Blvd, West Valley City, Utah, 84119, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

Request for a Stay

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of this notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and to the IBLA and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

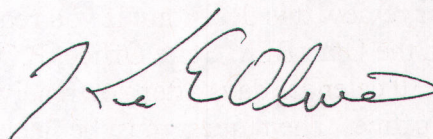
Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal must show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or require additional information, please contact Stephen Allen of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Oliver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "Oliver" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin E. Oliver
District Manager

cc: UDOGM, Leslie Heppler, 1594 West No.Temple, Ste. 1210# Box 145801, SLC, UT
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Enclosure: Form 1842-1 Information on taking appeals to the IBLA